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Bill Raggio

Nomination Packet



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NOMINATION FORM
THE 2019 WILLIAM J. RAGGIO AWARD

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Nominee's Name: John Jones, Jr and Jennifer P. Noble

Nominee's Title and Office (or prior office if recently retired):

John Jones Jr., Chief Deputy District Attorney, Office of the Clark County District Attorney

Jennifer P. Noble, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Office of the Washoe District Attorney

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PLEASE SUBMIT A BRIEF ESSAY DETAILING NOMINEE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND MERIT FOR THE AWARD.

Both of these individuals performed in an exemplary manner during the 2019 legislative session as representatives from their individual District Attorneys offices. Not only did they represent their individual prosecutor offices but they also represented the Nevada District Attorneys Association and all



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Michael Kovac is the Chief of the Prosecutions Division for the Nevada Attorney General's Office. In that capacity, he directly prosecutes and supervises the Deputy Attorney Generals throughout the state of Nevada. Not only does he work tirelessly to prosecute cases, but he aided in strengthening criminal justice laws in Nevada and guides Attorney General Aaron D. Ford in his efforts to implement criminal justice reforms.

Kovac is considered an expert in Constitutional Law and teaches the subject for the USC Gould School of Law's online programs. Kovac has worked in numerous additional positions in or related to the legal profession. Specifically, he has worked as a law clerk for the Court of Appeals for the Second Judicial District Court of the United States, the Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Court of Common Pleas' Commerce and Complex Civil Litigation Center, and the Las Vegas Township Justice Court. Prior to completing law school, he worked as a paralegal specialist for the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania and as a probation officer.

Kovac is a member of the state bars for the states of Nevada, California, and Pennsylvania. He previously taught Law and Society for Nevada State College. Kovac received his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law, where he graduated in top ten percent of his class and was a member of the Duquesne Law Review. He received his undergraduate degree (majoring in education) from the University of Pittsburgh (Johnstown).

I am recommending him for this award because his leadership has resulted in many successful prosecutions throughout the state and he has been instrumental in promoting participation in local and statewide multidisciplinary teams to combat crimes such as human trafficking, money laundering and abuse against vulnerable Nevadans. Not only is he an asset to Nevada, but Kovac also coordinates conferences to promote the rule of law beyond the United States.

Thank you for considering his nomination.

From: [Sean Rowe](#)
To: [Kyle E. George](#)
Subject: Re: Call for Nominations for William J. Raggio Award
Date: Friday, July 12, 2019 11:37:44 PM

Kyle— if the window for nominations has not yet closed (still technically the 12tg off July), I'd like to nominate John Jones and Jenny Noble to share in this year's award. As you are aware, John has been lobbying the legislature on behalf of the Clarke County District Attorney's Office and the District Attorney's Association for a number of years and was joined in this by Jennifer a few years ago. I don't think it is an overstatement to write that at this biennial, John and Jenny faced probably one of the most chaotic sessions we have witnessed in decades that attempted to rewrite the criminal justice system in profound, and oftentimes concerning, ways. John and Jenny were critical, reasonable voices, reminding these bills' proponents of the impact on victims and communities. They should be commended for the insight, sophistication, and determination they displayed as they represented our values in the legislature.

Thanks for letting me share these thoughts-
Sean

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 8, 2019, at 3:49 PM, Kyle E. George <KGeorge@ag.nv.gov> wrote:

Hello everyone.

Just a friendly reminder that nominations for the 2019 Raggio Award will close this Friday, July 12, 2019. If you are not familiar with the Raggio Award, a brief description and a list of past awardees is available here:

http://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/William_J_Raggio_Award/ I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Also, please email me with any topics (or speakers) you'd like to see featured at this year's Prosecutor's Conference. For the City Attorneys on this list, I hope to include topics of specific interest to your offices so please send me any ideas you have.

Thank you all.

Kyle

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From: Kyle E. George
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2019 4:24 PM
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Subject: Call for Nominations for William J. Raggio Award

Hello all:

As you know, the 2019 Prosecutors Conference will take place from September 11-13, 2019 at the Hilton Lake Las Vegas. During this annual conference, we confer the prestigious William J. Raggio Award “to a prosecutor who has contributed significantly to the improvement of the administration of justice in Nevada.”

I write this email to invite you to nominate candidates for the 2019 Raggio Award. The Nevada Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys will be reviewing these nominations in the next few weeks, so nominations will be accepted until July 12, 2019. To nominate a candidate, please fill out the attached nomination form and return it directly to me at kgeorge@ag.nv.gov and copy my assistant Ronda Holm at rholm@ag.nv.gov.

I look forward to receiving your nominations, and to seeing you all at this year’s conference. (As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please disseminate the attached Save the Date flyer to your office so we have a great turnout at this year’s Conference.)

Lastly, if you have presentations or presenters you’d like to suggest for the conference, please send them my way. I’m hoping to finalize the agenda soon, but wanted to give an opportunity to add good content to the conference.

Thank you,
Kyle George

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